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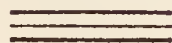
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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health



1947



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GOOLE

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Medical Officer of Health :

W. BERTRAM HILL, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

(Retired 31-10-47).

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Sanitary Inspector :

R. PLEWES, M.Inst.M.E., A.R.S.I.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
GOOLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the privilege to submit the Annual Report for the year 1947.

No doubt you would wish me to place on record an appreciation of the long and devoted service rendered to the Rural District by Dr. W. Bertram Hill, as your Medical Officer of Health from 1914 to 1947. During this period remarkable advances in Public Health throughout the country were achieved, and the sanitary conditions and vital statistics of the District steadily improved.

The health of the District during 1947 was good on the whole, and the incidence of notifiable infectious disease remained low. Although an outbreak of Poliomyelitis was widespread throughout the country in the latter half of 1947, only one case occurred in the District.

The Vital Statistics for the District were satisfactory and, with the exception of 1945, the Birth Rate was the highest for twenty years.

A comparative table of the vital statistics from the two quinquennial periods up to 1939 and the war period is included in the Report and shows that, with the exception of the cancer death rate, there was no obvious deterioration during the war period.

As in other parts of the country, the provision of more and better houses is a problem of primary importance and, although the achievement of the Council is very creditable under the circumstances, a reference to the summary of the recent Housing Survey shows how much still remains to be done. Every effort is made to alleviate the discomfort under which many live, by repair work.

The extension of piped water supplies and the implementation of certain schemes for sewage disposal will do much to improve the sanitary amenities of the District.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Members and Officials of the Council for their co-operation and consideration during 1947.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1948.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Rural District	...	...	...	...	38,238 acres.
Population (mid-1947)	...	...	...	...	8,607.
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	2,604.
Rateable Value (1-4-47)	...	...	...	...	£33,766.
Product of Penny Rate (1946-47)	...	...	...	...	£134 12s. 1d.

VITAL STATISTICS

	GOOLE R. D.	Aggregate West Riding R. Ds.	West Riding Admin. County	England & Wales (provis- ional)
BIRTH RATE				
(per 1,000 population)	20.9	21.3	21.5	20.5
DEATH RATES				
(per 1,000 population)				
All causes	12.8	11.0	12.3	12.0
Zymotic Diseases (prin- cipal)	0.12	0.16	0.16	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0.23	0.41	0.39	0.47
Other forms of Tuber- culosis	0.23	0.11	0.09	0.08
Respiratory Diseases (ex- cluding Respiratory Tuberculosis)	1.28	1.23	1.37	—
Cancer	1.74	1.59	1.85	—
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	3.72	3.25	3.98	—
INFANT MORTALITY				
(Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	61	47	45	41
INFANT DIARRHŒA				
(Deaths under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births)	5.56	5.74	5.31	5.8
MATERNAL MORTALITY				
Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)				
Puerperal Sepsis	0	0.11	0.21	0.26
Other Causes	0	1.63	1.07	0.91
Total	0	1.74	1.28	1.17

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH FIGURES.

BIRTH RATE.

Average	for	1930-1934 ...	18.3	1946 ...	19.5
"	"	1935-1939 ...	15.1	1947 ...	20.9
"	"	(War years) 1940-1945 ...	17.2		

TOTAL DEATH RATE.

Average	for	1930-1934 ...	11.5	1946 ...	11.7
"	"	1935-1939 ...	11.5	1947 ...	12.8
"	"	(War years) 1940-1945 ...	11.4		

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE.

Average	for	1930-1934 ...	0.34	1946 ...	0.47
"	"	1935-1939 ...	0.27	1947 ...	0.23
"	"	(War years) 1940-1945 ...	0.34		

NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

Average	for	1930-1934 ...	0.09	1946 ...	0.24
"	"	1935-1939 ...	0.16	1947 ...	0.23
"	"	(War years) 1940-1945 ...	0.07		

RESPIRATORY DEATH RATE.

Average	for	1930-1934 ...	1.07	1946 ...	0.71
"	"	1935-1939 ...	0.55	1947 ...	1.28
"	"	(War years) 1940-1945 ...	0.87		

CANCER DEATH RATE.

Average	for	1930-1934 ...	1.45	1946 ...	1.42
"	"	1935-1939 ...	0.98	1947 ...	1.74
"	"	(War years) 1940-1945 ...	1.82		

ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE

(Principal Notifiable Diseases).

Average	for	1930-1934 ...	0.29	1946 ...	0.00
"	"	1935-1939 ...	0.20	1947 ...	0.12
"	"	(War years) 1940-1945 ..	0.20		

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE.

Average	for	1930-1934 ...	62	1946 ...	42
"	"	1935-1939 ...	66	1947 ...	61
"	"	(War years) 1940-1945 ...	43		

BIRTHS

1947

			Male.	Female.	Total.
LIVE BIRTHS :	Legitimate	...	78	89	167
	Illegitimate	...	6	7	13
	Total	...	84	96	180
STILLBIRTHS :	...	...	2	6	8

CAUSES OF DEATH

1947

			Male.	Female.	Total.
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	...	...	1	1	2
Tuberculosis (other forms)	...	...	1	1	2
Cancer	...	...	7	8	15
Diabetes	...	...	1	1	2
Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	5	4	9
Heart diseases	...	...	20	9	29
Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	2	1	3
Bronchitis	...	...	3	5	8
Pneumonia	...	...	1	0	1
Other respiratory diseases	...	...	2	0	2
Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	...	...	0	1	1
Other digestive causes	...	...	1	1	2
Nephritis	...	...	2	1	3
Premature birth	...	...	3	3	6
Congenital causes	...	...	2	1	3
Violent causes	...	...	4	2	6
All other causes	...	...	6	10	16
Total	...	...	61	49	110

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases during 1947.

			Male.	Female.	Total.
Pulmonary	...	...	9	4	13
Non-pulmonary	...	...	1	2	3
Total cases on the Register.					
Pulmonary	...	...	18	18	36
Non-pulmonary	...	...	6	4	10

GOOLE RURAL DISTRICT

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during 1947

	No. of cases notified							Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	At all ages	According to Age							
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64			Over 65
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cholera (C) Plague (P)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	9	—	1	8	—	—	—	7	—
Typhus Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fevers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Relapsing and Continued Fevers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	13	—	—	—	4	7	1	1	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	3	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Measles	20	—	7	12	1	—	—	—	—
Primary Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Influenzal Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	6	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	55	1	12	24	9	7	1	10	1

HOUSING

Number of houses erected by the Council up to the 31st December, 1947 :

Airmyn	8	Rawcliffe Bridge ...	12
East Cowick	13	Reedness	8
Gowdall	8	Snaith	18
Hook	22	Swinefleet	67
Pollington	17	West Cowick	24
Rawcliffe	60	Whitgift	4

TOTAL — 261

FUTURE BUILDING SCHEMES :

Airmyn : Site purchased— $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres.

East Cowick : Site being negotiated for.

Goole Fields : Negotiations proceeding for 1 acre.

Gowdall : Site purchased— $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres ; 6 houses proposed.

Hook : 10 houses completed in 1947.

Ousefleet : Proposed to obtain a site for 4 houses.

Pollington : Site purchased— $\frac{3}{4}$ acre ; 6 houses proposed.

Rawcliffe : Site purchased in Ridding Lane—5·8 acres.

Rawcliffe Bridge : Site purchased— $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres ; 14 houses proposed (Airey).

Reedness : Eight houses under construction.

Snaith : 22 houses under construction.

Swinefleet : Site of 3·92 acres being negotiated.

West Cowick : Tenders approved for 10 Airey houses.

SELECTION OF TENANTS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES :

The Council exercises great care in the selection of tenants and every effort is made to give consideration to each individual case. The "points" system is not in operation. All applicants are reviewed by the Sanitary Inspector and the residence of each applicant is visited, so that the facts can be checked and the actual conditions observed. The facts are placed before the Council, who then select the tenants. Preference is given to (1) Large families living in overcrowded conditions ; (2) Young married couples who have not had a home of their own ; (3) Families living in unfit houses.

HOUSING REPAIRS :

No systematic inspection of houses is being undertaken, but in many cases, and particularly where complaints are received from tenants, the owners are pressed to carry out the necessary repairs. The response is as satisfactory as conditions will permit.

HOUSING SURVEY

The completion of this survey gives the following figures :

			Satisfactory	Minor repairs required	Repairs required	Re-conditioning required	Unfit	Total
Adlingfleet	...	...	1	12	28	4	1	46
Airmyn	...	...	104	7	68	16	—	195
Eastoft	...	...	4	4	—	3	—	11
Feckerby	...	...	3	4	10	2	—	19
Goole Fields	...	...	11	8	33	—	—	52
Gowdall	...	...	13	10	21	5	5	54
Haldenby	...	...	10	3	1	—	—	14
Hook	...	...	239	32	47	34	18	370
Ousefleet	...	...	6	13	14	—	8	41
Pollington	...	...	53	26	37	13	3	132
Rawcliffe	...	...	196	83	321	4	71	675
Reedness	...	...	26	18	37	10	12	103
Snaith and Cowick	...	...	152	78	210	14	32	486
Swinefleet	...	...	92	74	89	33	42	330
Whitgift	...	...	19	9	31	2	15	76
			—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	...	...	929	381	947	140	207	2604

WATER SUPPLY

Only 186 houses in the District are without a water supply from the public mains and almost all these houses are long distances from the mains. The Council have in preparation a scheme to supply water to the farms and other houses on Swinefleet, Reedness and Whitgift Common.

This scheme will be very costly, requiring many miles of mains to supply a comparatively few houses. The scheme is planned to supply water to 56 houses in this very important agricultural area.

All the twelve schools in the District have a piped water supply.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Three of the schemes mentioned in the Annual Report for 1946, i.e., Airmyn, Hook, Snaith and Cowick, are being placed before the West Riding County Council.

SCAVENGING

The whole of the villages are scavenged by the Council. Two motor vehicles are occupied full time on the work, each with a driver and two loaders.

The refuse is deposited at refuse tips at Snaith, Rawcliffe, Hook, Swinefleet and Whitgift.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no offensive trades carried on in the District. A business of "tripe-dressing" was formerly carried on at Hook, but has now been discontinued.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

Although there are seven private slaughter houses in the District, all slaughtering has been carried out at the Goole Borough Abattoir from the outbreak of war in 1939 up to the present time.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

There are 61 registered cowkeepers in the District, and the number of cows is approximately 360. During the year 76 inspections were made.

